

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: uSHzc9L.jpg

Other known title(s): 8-44887

OFLC ref: 1700473.005

Medium: Computer Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 13 September 2017

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 12 September 2017

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is an illustration that explicitly depicts a young girl being sexually abused. It is deemed to be objectionable under ss3(2)(a) and 3(2)(b) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes in conjunction with violence and coercion. The only purpose of this image is for arousal and gratification, and it encourages and legitimises interest in the subject matter. The digital format allows the image to be easily disseminated among likeminded people. This classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, the classification is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable.